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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 19370

FOR AMBASSADORS DEAN AND ENDERS

EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN REFUGEES

1. SEK SAMET, FORMER GOVERNOR OF BATTAMBANG PROVINCE, HAS APPEARED AT OUR OFFICE AGAIN ASKING TO GO TO THE US AS PART OF THE NEW PAROLE PROGRAM. THE FRENCH HAVE REFUSED HIM. WE DID NOT PERMIT HIM AN INTERVIEW WITH INS OFFICERS LAST YEAR DUE TO CONDEMNATORY STATEMENTS MADE BY A MEMBER OF OUR REFUGEE OFFICE WHO HAD FORMERLY BEEN WITH THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE IN CAMBODIA.

2. WITH THE ADVENT OF A NEW PROGRAM, AND WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT ANXIOUS TO RID ITSELF OF A POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING SITUATION, WE WANT TO BE SURE SEK SAMIET RECEIVES A FAIR HEARING FOR THE NEW PROGRAM.

3. WE WOULD THUS APPRECIATE YOUR OPINION ON ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH COULD INFLUENCE OUR DECISION CONCERNING THIS CASE, AS WELL AS ON MAO SAN, FORMER AIDE TO SEK SAMIET. MAO SAN, WHO CONTINUES TO ACCOMPANY SEK SAMIET IN BANGKOK, SAID HE WAS A CIVIL JUDGE IN BATTAMBANG UNTIL 1971; AND THEN
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DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY TO TAKE OVER MILITARY JUSTICE
UNDER HIS MENTOR.
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